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Dear Mr. McElligott:

DoD – VANDENBERG AFB; STATE COMMENTS ON FINAL REPORT - AREAS OF INTEREST PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT, FEBRUARY 2006

The State (Regional Water Board and Department of Toxic Substances Control-DTSC) has reviewed the subject Areas of Interest (AOIs) final preliminary assessment (PA) report, prepared by Montgomery Watson Harza, (received February 10, 2006). The AOI final PA report provides recommendations for closure or reclassification to another program for 209 open AOIs at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB). During the PA, these 209 open AOIs were evaluated for the existence of potentially hazardous substances or potential releases, and are recommended for either closure or transfer into the appropriate VAFB program for further investigation and/or management. The PA activities consisted of limited-scope investigation, including record searches, file reviews, visual reconnaissance, source identification/evaluation, data logging, and AOI program classification work. Nine possible AOI reclassifications were identified and they are listed below.

1. Transfer to the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Areas of Concern (AOC) Program
2. Transfer to the Compliance AOC Program
3. Transfer to the Basewide Underground Storage Tank (UST) Investigation Program (IRP Site 45)
4. Transfer to the PCB Program
5. Transfer to the Asbestos Management Program
6. Transfer to the Environmental Compliance Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Program
7. Transfer to the Munitions/Range Management Program
8. Transfer to a Third Parties
9. No Further Action (NFA)

Of the 209 AOIs, thirty-two are recommended for transfer to multiple programs. As a result, AOI totals in this paragraph will be greater than the total number of 209 AOIs evaluated. Thirty-six AOIs are recommended for transfer to the AOC Programs (includes 28 new IRP AOCs and 8 new Compliance AOCs). Twenty-five AOIs are recommended for transfer to the Basewide UST Program (Site 45) and two AOIs are recommended for transfer to the Compliance AST/UST Program. Forty-nine AOIs are recommended for transfer to the Asbestos Management Program. Five AOIs are recommended for transfer to third parties. Also, 143 AOIs have no outstanding issues and are recommended for NFA pending Regional Water Board approval of UST closure recommendations for USTs (AOIs 541 and 643). Also, VAFB Housekeeping is required to remove corroded batteries at AOI-127.

The State reviewed and commented on six AOI Interim Reports in late 2005. Additional State comments on document revisions were provided in early 2006 via electronic mail. Comments have been addressed and are incorporated into the subject final report. With this letter, the Regional Water Board concurs with

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the UST closure recommendations for AOIs 541 and 643. For AOI-127, VAFB Housekeeping should promptly remove corroded batteries. The removal process should be documented and submitted to the State for concurrence with the NFA recommendation. The State concurs with all other final report recommendations and has no additional comments at this time.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please call Carol Kolb at (805) 542-4625, of the Regional Water Board, or Quang Than at (714) 484-5352/Tayseer Mahmoud (714) 484-5419, DTSC.

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